



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 6, 2015*

SB 561 Senator Peters, et al

VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS – INTERCEPTS FOR RESTITUTION PAYMENTS

Requiring video lottery operation licensees to provide specified notices to obligors who win specified prizes and who owe restitution; requiring video lottery operation licensees to make specified payments, withhold specified amounts, honor specified requests in a specified order, and transfer specified amounts under specified circumstances; authorizing specified obligors to appeal specified proposed transfers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 11-616(b) and 11-618 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 562 Senator Peters

TAX CREDITS – EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Altering the amount of a credit against specified State taxes for wages and child care or transportation expenses related to qualified employees with disabilities; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 21-309 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 563 **Senator Peters, et al**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION AND
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SERVICES –
MILITARY FAMILIES

Providing that specified dependents who are determined eligible to receive services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration shall retain eligibility for the services under specified circumstances; requiring the Administration to allow specified dependents to remain on a specified waiting list under specified circumstances; requiring the Administration to resume specified services for specified dependents under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 7-404.1 and 15-134.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 564 **Senator Peters, et al**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MARYLAND–WASHINGTON
REGIONAL DISTRICT – FAIRNESS IN ZONING

Providing that the Prince George's County planning board shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over specified functions within the boundaries of specified municipal corporations; providing that the district council is not authorized to review specified matters beyond its jurisdiction, as provided in a specified article; authorizing the district council in Prince George's County by local law to adopt and amend zoning law procedures for zoning decisions by the planning board and the district council; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, §§ 20-202, 22-104, 22-120, and 22-206 - amended and §§ 25-212 and 22-213 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 565 **Senator Gladden**

REAL PROPERTY – REDEEMABLE GROUND RENTS

Requiring a redeemable ground rent to be redeemed on the occurrence of specified events; requiring that, if a collection or enforcement procedure has been instituted to collect a past due ground rent, the default must be cured before the ground rent is redeemed; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 8-110(a) - amended and § 8-110(c) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 566 **Senators Gladden and Ramirez****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the requirements for making a specified complaint against a law enforcement officer for a reason that may lead to a specified action; altering the individuals who may conduct a specified investigation, interrogation, or hearing against a specified law enforcement officer; requiring confidentiality of specified information under specified circumstances; providing for the suspension of a law enforcement officer's police powers during a specified investigation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, §§ 3-101(c) and (d), 3-104, 3-106, 3-107(a), (c), and (d)(1), 3-108, 3-110(a), and 3-112(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 567 **Senator Gladden****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, on or before December 1 of each year, to report to the General Assembly specified information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the Department to maintain the confidentiality of specified information and disaggregate the information by county, age, gender, race, and ethnicity; requiring the Department to publish specified reports on the Department's Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 5-1312 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 568 **Senator Kelley, et al****REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – APPRAISAL AGREEMENT – REQUIRED COPIES**

Requiring a licensed real estate appraiser or a certified real estate appraiser to attach a copy of the appraisal agreement to the appraisal report prepared in accordance with the appraisal agreement and to each additional copy of the appraisal report; and defining the term "appraisal agreement".

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, § 16-403 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 569 **Senator Kelley, et al****HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MALPRACTICE INSURANCE – SCOPE OF COVERAGE**

Repealing a prohibition on the inclusion, in a policy that insures a health care provider against damages due to medical injury arising from providing or failing to provide health care, of coverage for the defense of a health care provider in a specified disciplinary hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 19-104 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 570 **Senator Kelley****CONDOMINIUMS – WARRANTY CLAIMS**

Establishing that, notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, bylaws, or rules and regulations of the condominium, a council of unit owners has the right to be involved in a specified manner in specified litigation or administrative proceedings affecting the condominium and to enforce implied warranties made to the council of unit owners by the developer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 11-109(d) - amended and § 11-134.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 571 **Senator Kelley, et al****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – FAILURE TO REPORT – PENALTIES AND TRAINING**

Making it a civil offense, subject to specified penalties, for a specified person acting in a professional capacity to fail to report child abuse under specified circumstances; making it a misdemeanor, subject to specified penalties, for a specified person acting in a professional capacity to fail to report child abuse under specified circumstances; authorizing a police officer to issue a citation for a specified civil violation under the Act; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CR, § 3-601.2 - added and FL, § 5-704 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 572 **Senator Kelley****HOSPITALS – DESIGNATION OF CAREGIVERS**

Requiring a hospital to provide a specified patient or the legal guardian of the patient with a specified number of opportunities to designate a caregiver within a specified number of hours after the entrance of the patient to the hospital and before the patient is discharged from the hospital; requiring a hospital to document in a patient's medical record specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 19-380 through 19-385 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 573 **Senator Kelley****INSURANCE – STANDARD VALUATION LAW AND RESERVE AND NONFORFEITURE REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing requirements relating to the reserves and opinions relating to the reserves for specified life insurance policies, accident and health insurance contracts, and deposit-type contracts issued by specified companies on or after the operative date of a specified valuation manual; clarifying the scope of provisions of law relating to the reserve requirements for specified policies, contracts, and benefit agreements required before the operative date of the valuation manual; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 574 **Senator Guzzone****SALES AND USE TAX – BOTTLED WATER – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for specified sales of bottled water; clarifying that the exemption does not apply to specified sales of bottled water; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 11-206 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 575 Senator Nathan–Pulliam**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS – QUALIFICATIONS AND PRACTICE LIMITATIONS**

Altering the qualifications individuals are required to meet to be licensed to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, to qualify to practice as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor under supervision for a limited period of time, to qualify as a certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug, or to qualify as a certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 17-302, 17-309(a) and (c), 17-403, and 17-404 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 576 Senator Pugh**9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – MULTIPLE–LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS – DIRECT DIAL (KARI’S LAW)**

Requiring that, on or before December 31, 2015, a person that installs or operates a multiple–line telephone system ensures that the system is connected to the public switched telephone network in such a way that an individual dialing 9–1–1 is connected to the public safety answering point without requiring the individual to dial any other number or set of numbers; and defining a specified term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 1-314 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 577 Senator Pugh**PUBLIC UTILITIES – TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW – MODERNIZATION**

Providing that a telephone company is not required to file with the Public Service Commission a specified tariff schedule except under specified circumstances; limiting the type of services in which a telephone company may not establish a new rate under specified circumstances; allowing a telephone company to discontinue or abandon a specified service under specified circumstances; providing that a specified prior authorization is not required for specified transactions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, §§ 4-202, 4-203, 5-103, 5-202, 5-203, and 6-101 - amended and § 8-502 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 578 Senator Pugh**HIGHER EDUCATION – SEXUAL ASSAULTS – MANDATORY REPORTING**

Requiring the sexual assault policy of institutions of higher education in the State to include compliance with specified provisions of law relating to mandatory reporting of sexual assaults; requiring a faculty member, an administrator, or a full-time staff member of an institution of higher education who obtains specified information to report the information within 24 hours of obtaining the information to the appropriate law enforcement official; making specified exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 11-601 - amended and § 11-602 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 579 Senator Pugh**MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY – SMALL BUSINESS SURETY BOND PROGRAM**

Increasing from \$1,350,000 to \$2,250,000 the maximum amount that the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority may guarantee a surety under the Small Business Surety Bond Program; and increasing from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 the maximum amount of specified bonds that the Financing Authority may execute and perform as a surety under its surety program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EC, §§ 5-568 and 5-569 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 580 Senator Pugh**STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS AND STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – DRY NEEDLING – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting specified licensed chiropractors and licensed physical therapists from performing dry needling unless the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners or State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners has registered the licensed chiropractor or licensed physical therapist in accordance with specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 3-101 and 13-101 - amended and §§ 3-3A-01, 3-3A-02, 13-3A-01, and 13-3A-02 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 581 Senator Pugh**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND DESIGN EXCELLENCE COMMISSION**

Establishing the Maryland Design Excellence Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to study, develop specified plans and programs, and establish specified events regarding design excellence initiatives; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EC, §§ 10-468 through 10-470 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 582 Senator Pugh, et al**PILOT PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BY EX-OFFENDERS**

Establishing the Pilot Program for Small Business Development by Ex-Offenders to encourage the establishment of small businesses by individuals exiting the correctional system; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, to establish by January 1, 2016 a pilot training program for individuals exiting the correctional system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LE, § 11-1201 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 583 Senator Pugh, et al**DNA EVIDENCE – POSTCONVICTION REVIEW**

Expanding the group of persons who may file a specified petition for postconviction DNA testing or a database or log search.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 8-201(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 584 **Senator Pugh, et al****INCOME TAX – ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for 50% of an investment, not to exceed specified amounts, made in a qualified innovation business; requiring a qualified investor to meet specified requirements in order to be eligible for the credit; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the credit; establishing the Maryland Angel Investor Tax Credit Reserve Fund as a special continuing, nonlapsing fund; applying the Act to taxable years after 2014; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EC, § 2-123(a) - amended and TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 585 **Senator Pugh****MARYLAND NO-FAULT BIRTH INJURY FUND**

Establishing a system for adjudication of a claim involving a birth-related neurological injury; excluding specified rights and remedies of a claimant and specified other persons; providing for specified procedures; providing for specified benefits and compensation of a claimant under the Act; establishing the Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund; providing for specified premiums and insurance surcharges to be used to finance and administer the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 3-2D-01 through 3-2D-08, HG, §§ 20-1601 through 20-1603, and IN, §§ 32-101 through 32-304 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

SB 586 **Senator Middleton****HEALTH INSURANCE – FEDERAL AND STATE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION PARITY LAWS – REPORT ON COMPLIANCE**

Requiring health maintenance organizations, insurers, and nonprofit health service plans that offer specified contracts and health benefit plans to submit to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner a report certifying and outlining how designated contracts and health benefit plans comply with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and State mental health and addiction parity laws; requiring the report to be submitted on specified dates by a specified person and to include specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 19-703.2 and IN, § 15-802.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 587 **Senator Middleton****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND FACTORY BRANCHES**

Prohibiting a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from committing specified acts relating to motor vehicle pricing; requiring a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch to ensure that any advertisement it directs to consumers relating to rebate and sales incentive claims meets specified requirements; prohibiting a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from taking specified punitive or retaliatory actions against specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, §§ 14-4101 through 14-4107 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

SB 588 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that, on or before July 1, 2013, a county or municipality subject to a specified municipal stormwater permit adopt and implement laws or ordinances to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality maintain or administer a local watershed protection and restoration fund; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality establish and annually collect a stormwater remediation fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EN, § 4-201.1 - amended and § 4-202.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 589 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**MOTORIST TAX RELIEF – MOTOR FUEL TAX – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND SALES AND USE TAX EQUIVALENT RATE ADJUSTMENTS – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that specified motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers; repealing a requirement that a specified sales and use tax equivalent rate be determined in a specified manner on specified dates and added to the motor fuel tax rates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TG, §§ 9-305 and 9-306 and Chapter 429 of the Acts of 2013, §§ 11 and 12 - amended and Chapter 429 of the Acts of 2013, § 8 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 590 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**SMALL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2015**

Exempting from the personal property tax persons with personal property that has a total assessed value of \$10,000 or less; exempting specified persons from specified annual reports and fees; requiring an appropriation in the annual State budget for a specified amount to reimburse counties and municipal corporations; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 7-245 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 591 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – PHASED RESTORATION**

Increasing the portion of highway user revenues that is distributed to local governments; altering the allocation of the local share of highway user revenues among Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; and repealing obsolete language.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 592 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Increasing over specified taxable years the amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income received as a result of specified military service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 593 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**ELECTION LAW – FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND – INCOME TAX CHECKOFF**

Requiring the Comptroller to establish a checkoff on the individual income tax return through which specified individuals may make a contribution, not exceeding \$500, to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; providing that specified fines and penalties be deposited in the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to take specified actions to administer the checkoff; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 15-103 - amended and EL, § 16-1003 and TG, § 2-113.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 594 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL (HOMETOWN HEROES ACT)**

Increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified qualifying volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services members; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under specified circumstances for a specified amount of retirement income attributable to a resident's employment as a law enforcement officer or the individual's service as fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, §§ 10-208(i-1) and 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 595 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2015**

Including employees of public charter school operators under provisions of law relating to collective bargaining; authorizing public charter schools to give greater weight to specified students during a lottery to determine admission to the public charter school; clarifying that the State Board of Education is a public chartering authority; specifying the contents of an application to open a public charter school; altering the time period within which the State Board must render a decision on a specified appeal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, Various Sections - amended and § 9-102.2 - added and SP, §§ 21-304(a)(6) and (7), 22-205(a)(1), and 23-206(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 596 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – SURVEYS, INSPECTIONS, AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to survey freestanding ambulatory care facilities in accordance with federal regulations, with a specified exception; requiring the Department to survey each freestanding birthing center at least once per calendar year; requiring the Department to inspect the operations of each home health agency at least every 3 years; exempting a specified health maintenance organization from a specified external review; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 19-3B-03, 19-407, 19-705.1(f), and 19-1408 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 597 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

PUBLIC HEALTH – IMMUNIZATIONS – RELATED INSTITUTIONS

Altering the circumstances under which a resident or an employee of a related institution is not required to receive a specified vaccine; and authorizing a related institution to permit a resident or an employee to refuse to receive a specified vaccine after being fully informed by the related institution of the health risks associated with not receiving the vaccine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 18-404(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 598 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

PUBLIC HEALTH – VACCINATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – IMMUNET

Requiring all health care providers in the State to report all vaccinations to the Maryland immunization registry, ImmuNet; altering specified responsibilities of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene relating to specified forms and a specified brochure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 18-109 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 599 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY FOR CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHEA

Providing for the purpose of expedited partner therapy; authorizing specified health care providers who diagnose chlamydia or gonorrhea in an individual patient to prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partners without examination of that patient's partners; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified regulations; repealing a reporting requirement regarding the Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 18-214.1 and Chapter 146 of the Acts of 2007, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 600 **Senator Astle, et al****CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST AND CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS – FUNDING**

Increasing, from \$250,000 to \$500,000, the amount the Chesapeake Bay Trust is required to receive each fiscal year from the Environmental Trust Fund for funding energy conservation projects through the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program; requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to report to the General Assembly on the feasibility of establishing a specified donation program for the benefit of the Trust; and authorizing the Authority, under specified circumstances, to establish a donation program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

NR, § 3-302(d)(3) - amended and TR, § 4-312(d) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 601 **Senator McFadden, et al****AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM – REESTABLISHMENT AND REVISIONS**

Reestablishing the African American Heritage Preservation Program in the Maryland Historical Trust to identify and preserve buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in the State; requiring the Trust to develop and administer the Program in partnership with the Commission on African American History and Culture; requiring the Governor, for each fiscal year, to include \$1,000,000 for the Program in the annual operating or capital budget; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SF, § 5A-331 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 602 **Senator Miller, et al**

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

Establishing the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to develop a statewide policy framework to reduce spending on corrections and reinvest in strategies to increase public safety and reduce recidivism; requiring the Council to report its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before January 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

PS, §§ 1-601 through 1-605 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 603 **Senator Raskin, et al**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – AGING PRISONERS – CONDITIONAL PAROLE

Establishing conditional parole as a form of release from incarceration for inmates over the age of 64 years under specified circumstances; establishing a means of initiating consideration by the Maryland Parole Commission of the appropriateness of granting conditional parole; requiring the Commission to provide for a conditional parole hearing on receipt of a specified request; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, § 7-309.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 604 **Senator King, et al**

HUMAN RELATIONS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – PROTECTION FOR INTERNS

Establishing specified protections for interns and applicants for internships from specified discriminatory acts; providing that a specified intern has access to a specified complaint resolution procedure or, under specified circumstances, may file a complaint with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights for specified administrative remedies; providing that the Act does not create an employment relationship between an employer and an intern for the purposes of specified remedies or specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 20-610 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 605 **Senator Raskin, et al****AGGRESSIVE DRUNK DRIVING – PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

Authorizing a finder of fact to determine that a person with an alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more in the blood or breath of the person who causes personal injury or wrongful death while driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle was acting with malice and to award punitive damages under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 10-913.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 606 **Senator Pugh, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – ABUSE–DETERRENT OPIOID ANALGESIC DRUG PRODUCTS – COVERAGE**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug products; prohibiting the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing limits or cost–sharing requirements on coverage for abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug products that are less favorable to an insured or an enrollee than the limits or cost sharing that apply to coverage for any other opioid analgesic drug product; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 15-848 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 607 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****MARYLAND OPIOID USE DISORDER CONSORTIUM**

Establishing the Maryland Opioid Use Disorder Consortium; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Consortium; requiring the Consortium to develop, monitor implementation of, and revise a strategic statewide plan to treat and reduce opioid use disorders in the State through a specified process; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HG, § 24-1701 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 608 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – NOTICES, POLICIES,
AND PROOF OF INSURANCE – ELECTRONIC FORMAT

Altering the application of specified provisions of law requiring an insurer to provide specified proof of insurance under specified circumstances; authorizing specified proof of insurance to be delivered by electronic means in a specified manner under specified circumstances; authorizing specified required written notices of property and casualty insurers to be delivered by electronic means in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, §§ 1-101(1-1), 19-117, and 19-118 - added and §§ 12-301(d) and 27-601.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 609 **Senator Brochin, et al**

STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF THE CHILD WELFARE
OMBUDSMAN – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Office of the Child Welfare Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General; providing for the purpose and staffing of the Office; providing for the appointment, qualifications, term, and salary of the Child Welfare Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to be a full-time State employee; authorizing the Attorney General to remove the Ombudsman under specified circumstances; providing that the Office shall include specified staff; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, §§ 6-501 through 6-511 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 610 **Senator Pinsky, et al**

REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS – CONTINUING
EDUCATION – REQUIREMENTS

Repealing a provision of law that requires specified licensed realtors to complete fewer overall clock hours of continuing education instruction than are generally required during specified licensing periods; requiring that specified mandated subject matter for continuing education courses be taken by a licensee during each licensing period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, § 17-315(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 611 **Senator Astle**

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND UNIFORM ELECTRONIC LEGAL MATERIALS ACT

Requiring an official publisher that publishes legal material in an electronic record to designate the electronic record as official, under specified circumstances, and authenticate the electronic record in a specified manner; providing that specified legal material in an electronic record is presumed to be an accurate copy of the legal material; requiring an official publisher of specified legal material in an electronic record to provide for the preservation and security of the record; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, §§ 10-1601 through 10-1611 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 612 **Senator Astle**

VEHICLE LAWS – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS – EXCEPTION

Providing that the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without specified protective headgear does not apply to an individual at least 21 years old who carries at least \$10,000 in health insurance coverage for injuries that may be incurred in a motorcycle accident.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 613 **Senator Astle, et al**

SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES – ENFORCEMENT OF LIEN – ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE

Authorizing a sale to enforce a lien on personal property stored in a leased space at a self-service storage facility to be advertised in any commercially reasonable manner specified in the rental agreement or a written change to the rental agreement; establishing that the manner of advertisement of a sale shall be deemed commercially reasonable if at least three independent bidders attend; and defining “independent bidder”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 18-504(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 614 **Senator Astle****PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE –
ENHANCED UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE**

Authorizing a specified insured to elect to obtain specified enhanced underinsured motorist coverage, instead of specified uninsured motorist coverage, under a private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance policy under specified circumstances; requiring specified insurers to offer enhanced underinsured motorist coverage under specified circumstances; providing for the characteristics of the enhanced underinsured motorist coverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, §§ 19-509, 19-509.2, 19-510, 19-511, and 19-513 and TR, § 17-103(b) - amended and IN, §§ 19-509.1, 19-510.1, and 19-511.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 615 **Senator Eckardt****INCOME TAX CREDIT – PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION
EASEMENTS**

Altering specified provisions of law concerning a credit against the State income tax for preservation and conservation easements to allow specified persons to claim the credit for an easement conveyed to the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, or the Department of Natural Resources under specified circumstances; requiring the Maryland Environmental Trust to report on the effectiveness of the tax credits to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-723 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 616 **Senator Klausmeier****BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS – LICENSING AND REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS – PHASE OUT OF APPRENTICE, JOURNEYPERSON, AND MASTER LEVEL LOCAL LICENSES**

Changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to the Board of Electricians; authorizing the Board to issue an apprentice license and a journeyman license; authorizing the Board to adopt a State electrical code; altering duties and membership of the Board; requiring a county to enforce the State electrical code or a specified local electrical code; establishing a licensing exception for a person that provides limited energy services or that is licensed or registered to provide security systems services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed, PS, § 12-603 - amended, and BR, §§ 2-106.9 and 2-106.10 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 617 **Senator Norman, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – MISCONDUCT (LYNETTE’S LAW)**

Prohibiting a specified professional counselor or therapist from engaging in a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a person who is receiving counseling from the professional counselor or therapist or received counseling from the professional counselor or therapist within the 2 years preceding the sexual act or sexual contact; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-307 - amended and § 9-509 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 618 **Senator Norman****PUBLIC SAFETY – RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IDENTIFICATION CARD**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to provide a retiring law enforcement officer or specified retired law enforcement officer with an identification card under specified circumstances; authorizing a law enforcement agency to charge a reasonable fee for an identification card or a replacement card; requiring a law enforcement officer to meet specified requirements to qualify for an identification card; establishing the form and contents of an identification card; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 3-510 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 619 **Senator Manno****STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON QUALITY CARE AT THE END OF LIFE – MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIR**

Authorizing a specified member of the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life to serve another 4 years as a member and chair of the Advisory Council after the completion of two consecutive 4-year terms, notwithstanding specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Finance

SB 620 **Senators Montgomery and Lee****COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND GREENING ACT OF 2015**

Prohibiting a store from distributing plastic disposable carryout bags to a customer at the point of sale; requiring a store to charge and collect a 10-cent fee for each paper disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer; authorizing a store to retain a specified amount of a specified fee under specified circumstances; prohibiting a store from advertising or stating specified information under specified circumstances; requiring a store to include specified information on specified receipts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 19-104 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 621 **Senator Currie****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MT. CALVARY SOFTBALL FIELD**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bishop McNamara High School, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Mt. Calvary Softball Field project, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 622 **Senator Currie, et al****EDUCATION – ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER LIAISON PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the English Language Learner Liaison Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; requiring the Department to implement the Program in specified local school systems in the State; specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department to report annually to specified committees of the General Assembly; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-437 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 623 **Senator Currie, et al****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS – ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS**

Requiring that, in Prince George’s County, a 4% rate of interest shall be paid on specified county property tax payment deferrals; requiring the governing body of Prince George’s County to establish and promote a specified public awareness campaign related to specified property tax deferral programs; authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to provide, by law, a specified payment deferral of the county property tax for specified residential real property; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 10-204 - amended and § 10-204.7 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 624 **Senator Currie, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EXPANSION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN MARYLAND**

Creating a Task Force to Study the Expansion of Career and Technical Education in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning career and technical education; requiring the Task Force to report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 625 **Senator Currie, et al****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS**

Expanding the responsibility of service centers established by the Department of Veterans Affairs; requiring the Department to provide veterans with employment–related services; specifying the types of employment–related services provided to veterans; requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop, in consultation with the Board of Trustees and the Veterans Commission, a program to reduce unemployment among veterans by assisting specified businesses to attract, hire, train, and retain specified veterans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, §§ 9-904(a) and 9-905 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 626 **Senators Montgomery and Lee****REGISTERED NURSES – LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS – REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONALLY PREPARING AND DISPENSING DRUGS AND DEVICES**

Requiring specified registered nurses who personally prepare and dispense specified drugs and devices in local health departments in accordance with specified provisions of law or to specified patients to comply with a specified formulary and specified requirements; establishing the Committee on Personally Preparing and Dispensing Drugs and Devices by Registered Nurses in Local Health Departments; providing for the composition, terms, chair, and staffing of the Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HG, §§ 3-401 through 3-405 - added and §§ 13-3108 and 18-214.1(d) - amended and HO, § 8-512 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 627 **Senator Eckardt, et al****EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT – ALTERATIONS**

Removing the requirement that the maintenance of effort amount increase by a specified amount under specified circumstances; requiring county governing bodies to exclude the cost of a fixed term lease for a specified school facility from the maintenance of effort calculation under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified appropriations not excluded as specified nonrecurring costs from being included in calculating a county's highest local appropriation under specified circumstances etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 5-202(d)(1), (3), (5), and (6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 628 **Senator Klausmeier****WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – BODY-WORN DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE – EXCEPTION**

Establishing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a law enforcement officer to intercept an oral communication with a specified device under specified circumstances; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 10-402(c)(11) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 629 **Senator Serafini****WASHINGTON COUNTY – MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT – LEASE PAYMENT EXCLUSION**

Authorizing a specified county governing body to exclude specified lease payments made by the county board of education from the maintenance of effort calculation under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 5-202(d)(1) through (3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 630 **Washington County Senators****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WASHINGTON COUNTY – POPULATION RATIO QUOTA**

Altering the population ratio quota from 1 license per 1,000 to 1 license per 3,000 individuals that applies to the issuance of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9-222(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 631 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE TASTING LICENSE FOR CLASS B LICENSE HOLDERS – REPEAL**

Repealing the authority for a special wine tasting license to be issued to a Class B (on-off sale) beer, wine and liquor license holder in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8-411 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 632 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS –
EXPUNGEMENT OF VIOLATIONS**

Requiring, in Washington County, violations of the alcoholic beverages laws of the State or any regulation adopted under those laws to be expunged by the Washington County Board of License Commissioners after 5 years from the date the violation occurred.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 16-508.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 633 **Washington County Senators****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WASHINGTON COUNTY – REFILLABLE
CONTAINER PERMIT**

Establishing a refillable container permit in Washington County; authorizing the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit to the holders of specified licenses for specified fees and subject to specified requirements; specifying that the permit entitles the holders to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a certain type of container; specifying standards that a refillable container must meet; specifying permit fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8-222.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 634 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Authorizing a special liquor tasting license to be issued in Washington County; authorizing the license to be issued only to a holder of a Class A (off-sale) beer, wine and liquor license; establishing the annual license fee of \$300 for 12 tastings and \$500 for 24 tastings; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County to issue the license for specified purposes; prohibiting the holder of the license from charging for the liquor tasting or sampling; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8-9A-02 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 635 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ALTERNATIVE
TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Washington County Board of Education to establish an alternative teacher certification program; authorizing the Board to declare a critical teacher shortage and certify specified candidates to fill specified teacher shortage vacancies in specified areas during a specified time period; specifying who may fill a vacant position during the school year; providing that a candidate hired to fill a critical shortage teacher vacancy is not eligible for a specified certificate; making an exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 6-122 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 636 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – COUNTY CLERK**

Altering the duties of the County Clerk of Washington County; repealing a requirement that the County Clerk execute a specified bond before beginning the duties of the office; repealing requirements that each Washington County agency file with the County Clerk the names and addresses of all attorneys representing the agency and of all members of the agency who are attorneys; repealing requirements that the County Clerk maintain specified lists of names filed by each Washington County agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PLL of Washington Co, Art. 22, §§ 1-202(a), 3-602, and 3-603 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 637 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX REVENUE
DISTRIBUTION – ANNUAL REPORTS**

Altering the due date, from September 1 to November 1, of specified annual reports to the Washington County Senate and House Delegations to the General Assembly on the county hotel rental tax revenue distribution.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LG, § 20-421 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 638 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – MODIFICATIONS – LOCAL ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring Washington County to implement and enforce modifications of the Maryland Building Performance Standards adopted by the State no later than 6 months after adoption for specified portions of the Standards, starting with modifications that are effective on January 1, 2015, and every 6 years thereafter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 12-505 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 639 **Senator Serafini****TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting from a specified offset of a retirement allowance specified retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System who are employed in specified positions in a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf; authorizing local school system superintendents and the superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf to employ a maximum of 10 retirees per year who will not be subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 640 **Senator Serafini, et al****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ACTUARIAL STRESS TESTS**

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to commission an actuarial consulting firm on or before September 1, 2015, to conduct stress tests of future financial positions of the several systems; requiring the stress tests to be conducted using specified criteria and assumptions; requiring the actuarial consulting firm to submit its findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 641 Senator Klausmeier**PUBLIC HEALTH – SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT OUTCOMES PARTNERSHIP FUND**

Altering the definition of “eligible populations” to allow funds from the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund to be used for services provided to drug offenders under the supervision of the problem solving courts; altering the information an applicant is required to include in an request for Partnership funding; authorizing a participating county, under specified circumstances, to use Partnership funding to continue or expand funding for eligible functions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 8-6C-01 and 8-6C-04 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 642 Senator Edwards**VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN–OWNED BUSINESSES ACCOUNT – USE OF PROCEEDS**

Authorizing funds from video lottery proceeds that are used for grants for investment capital and loans to small, minority, and women–owned businesses surrounding the video lottery facility in Allegany County to be used for those purposes anywhere in Allegany County; specifying that any remaining funds may be allocated to small, minority, and women–owned businesses located in areas served by the Tri–County Council for Western Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SG, § 9-1A-35(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 643 Senator Edwards**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO–BREWERIES – ADDITIONAL LICENSE**

Authorizing the holder of a micro–brewery license to apply for and obtain an additional micro–brewery license for another premises; specifying limitations on the distribution and sale of beer brewed by a holder of an additional micro–brewery license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2-201(b) and 2-208(c)(1), (d)(1), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 644 **Senator Edwards****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALLEGANY COUNTY – CLASS B–MB (MICRO–BREWERY/RESTAURANT) LICENSE**

Creating in Allegany County a Class B–MB (micro–brewery/restaurant) license; providing that the Class B–MB license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer and light wine by the drink or by the bottle and liquor by the drink for on–premises consumption; providing that the Class B–MB license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer and light wine by the bottle for off–premises consumption; specifying specified days and hours of sale; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 6-201(b-1)(9) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 645 **Senator Muse****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – FINANCIAL LITERACY CURRICULUM – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a course in financial literacy as a part of the county board’s high school curriculum; requiring the county board to implement specified curriculum content in high schools in Prince George’s County beginning in the 2015–2016 school year; and requiring specified students to complete a specified course in order to graduate from high school in Prince George’s County beginning in the 2017–2018 school year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 3-1008 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 646 **Senator Muse****OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – CASELOAD STANDARDS**

Requiring that a specified defendant or party may not be provided a specified representation by specified personnel of the Office of the Public Defender if the representation would violate specified caseload standards; providing that a specified defendant or party shall be represented by a specified panel attorney; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 16-204(c) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 647 **Senator Madaleno, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – YESHIVA TORAH SCHOOL OF GREATER WASHINGTON**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$60,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Yeshiva of Greater Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Yeshiva Torah School of Greater Washington facility, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 648 **Senators Muse and Waugh****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF THE DRUG RITALIN ON SCHOOL CHILDREN**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Effect of the Drug Ritalin on School Children; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to conduct public hearings; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 649 **Senator Muse****REAL PROPERTY – CONTRACT FOR SALE OF NEW HOME**

Repealing an exception to the requirement that a contract for the initial sale of a new home be contingent on the purchaser obtaining a written commitment for a loan secured by the property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 14-117(j-1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 650 **Senators Muse and Waugh**

FAMILY LAW – REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF JOINT CUSTODY

Creating a rebuttable presumption in specified court proceedings that specified custodial arrangements are in the best interests of a child; and authorizing the court to grant sole custody under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 651 **Senator Muse, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – CONVICTION OF A CRIME THAT IS NO LONGER A CRIME

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement if the person was convicted of a crime and the act on which the conviction was based is no longer a crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 652 **Senator Muse, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS

Repealing a provision of law that provides that a person is not entitled to expungement of the person's record if the petition for expungement is based on a specified case disposition and the person, since the disposition, has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation or is a defendant in a pending criminal proceeding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 10-105(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 653 **Senator Muse****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POLICE–INVOLVED DEATH – STATE PROSECUTOR**

Authorizing, under specified circumstances, the State Prosecutor to investigate a death of an individual that results directly from an action or an omission of a law enforcement officer of the State or of a political subdivision of the State while the officer is on duty or while the officer is off duty but performing activities that are within the scope of the officer's duties; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 14-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 654 **Senator Muse****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – IMMUNITY – ALCOHOL– OR DRUG–RELATED MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

Establishing that the act of seeking assistance by a person who experiences a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs may be used as a mitigating factor in a criminal prosecution of the person; extending the applicability of specified immunity from a criminal arrest charge or prosecution and providing immunity when a person is reasonably believed to be experiencing a medical emergency rather than when the person is experiencing a medical emergency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 1-210 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 655 **Senator Muse****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SUSAN D. MONA CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Susan D. Mona Center, located in Prince George's County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 656 **Senator Madaleno**

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – ENTRANCE TO STATE HIGHWAY – PERMIT PROCESS

Requiring the State Highway Administration to consider whether a proposed entrance to a State highway is consistent with the comprehensive plan when determining whether to grant or deny a permit for the entrance; requiring the Administration to determine whether to grant or deny a permit based on a preponderance of specified evidence; requiring the Administration to grant or deny a permit request on or before a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TR, § 8-625 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 657 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

STATE PERSONNEL – PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EMPLOYEE TO SUPERVISOR OR MANAGER RATIOS

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, the Secretary of Transportation, and the governing boards of State institutions of higher education to establish a program to improve the ratio of State employees to supervisors or managers beginning on specific dates; specifying the goals for establishing reasonable ratios of State employees to supervisors or managers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, § 4-107 and TR, § 2-103.4(a) - amended and TR, § 2-103.4(b)(4) and ED, §§ 12-111(d), 14-104(h)(5), 14-408(d), and 16-510(c) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 658 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ANNE L. BRONFMAN CENTER AND MISLER ADULT DAY CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$95,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Anne L. Bronfman Center and Mislser Adult Day Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 659 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW – TIP CREDIT – REPEAL

Repealing the authority of an employer to include as part of an employee's wage an amount to represent the tips of the employee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LE, § 3-419 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 660 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

STATE BUDGET

Authorizing the General Assembly to increase or add Executive Department items in the budget bill, subject to a specified limitation; providing for the veto of specified budget bill items; providing for the reversion to original appropriations of specified vetoed items in the budget bill; authorizing the General Assembly to override budget bill item vetoes; establishing the manner in which and the time at which budget bill items become law; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters for adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, § 17 and Art. III, §§ 14 and 52(6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 661 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT

Altering a specified limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2015; altering a specified limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2015; and making a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 7-309(b)(1), (2), and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 662 **Senator Ready, et al**

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – ONE MARYLAND BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

Establishing the One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to review the current State procurement process and develop policy recommendations to ensure greater participation of businesses located in the State in State contracting; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 663 **Carroll County Senators**

CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$17,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 664 **Senator Ready, et al**

VEHICLE–MILES–TRAVELED TAX AND ASSOCIATED MANDATED DEVICES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle–miles–traveled tax or other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from requiring the installation of a device in or on a privately owned vehicle to facilitate the reporting of vehicle–miles traveled; and providing for the application of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TG, § 9-401 and TR, § 22-107 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 665 **Senator Bates, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIODS – UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS**

Designating, beginning in calendar year 2015, the last 7 days of August through the first 7 days of September of each year to be tax-free periods during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for the sale of specified textbooks purchased by specified individuals; designating in calendar year 2016 an additional tax-free period during the last 14 days of January for return-to-school shopping in Maryland; and defining a specified term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 11-232 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 666 **Senators Bates and Salling****RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES – DURATION AND EXPIRATION DATE**

Altering the expiration date for and, under specified circumstances, the duration of specified recreational fishing licenses; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to determine the duration of and effective dates for a specified recreational fishing license; and requiring the Department to proportionally prorate the annual license fees for specified recreational fishing licenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, §§ 4-210.1(e), 4-216(c), 4-604(h)(1), and 4-745(a)(3) and (d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 667 **Senators Young and Hough****REAL-TIME TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2015**

Requiring a political committee to file a contribution report within 48 hours after receiving a single contribution, transfer, or loan of \$1,000 or more during the year of an election in which the political committee is participating; requiring contribution reports to include specified information; providing that contribution reports filed by a political committee are in addition to specified other reports filed by a political committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EL, § 13-309.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 668 **Senator Young, et al**

CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Extending from 7 to 20 years the statute of limitations in specified civil actions relating to child sexual abuse.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 5-117 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 669 **Senator Young, et al**

MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR ORPHANS AND FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS

Establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients; establishing eligibility requirements for participation in the Program; providing for the amount, duration, renewal, and uses of specified awards; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to adopt specified regulations; defining certain terms; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 18-3101 through 18-3106 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 670 **Senator Young, et al**

CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESS ENTITIES – FILING FEES AND COMBINED REPORTING

Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from imposing a fee for the filing of specified documents by corporations or business entities with 10 or fewer employees; requiring specified corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a specified combined reporting method; requiring, subject to specified regulations, specified groups of specified corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CA, § 1-203(b)(3)(ii) and TG, § 10-811 - amended and TG, §§ 10-402.1 and 10-402.2 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 671 **Senator Young, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE – PROGRAM FOR VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS (TROOPS TO TRUCKS)**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a program to assist veterans and members of the military transitioning out of military service to obtain a commercial driver’s license and find employment; requiring the Administration, as part of the program, to waive a specified skills test for specified program participants, coordinate with certain persons to provide for certain education courses on military bases, and establish a certain process; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 16-807(b) - amended and § 16-807.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 672 **Senators Young and Nathan–Pulliam****PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT DIABETES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with specified other organizations, to establish specified guidelines for the training of trained diabetes care providers; providing for the content of the guidelines; requiring each county board of education to require specified public schools to establish a Student Diabetes Management Program in the school; providing that specified nonpublic schools may establish a Student Diabetes Management Program in the school; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 7-437 and 7-438 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 673 **Senator Young****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWING COMPANY OFF–SITE PERMIT
AND BEER FESTIVAL PERMIT**

Requiring the Office of the Comptroller to collect a \$100 fee for a beer festival permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue a brewing company off–site permit to specified persons who meet specified requirements; establishing a beer festival permit to be issued by the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller to issue a beer festival permit to specified persons who meet specified requirements, provided that the beer festival will occur over a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2-101(b) and 2-105 - amended and § 2-106 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 674 **Senator Young****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWERY LICENSE – ON–PREMISES
CONSUMPTION**

Increasing from 500 to 1,500 the number of barrels of beer that a brewery licensee may sell each year for on–premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 2-206(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 675 **Senator Young****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BIOSAFETY
LEVEL 3 (BSL–3) LABORATORY SAFETY PROGRAM**

Establishing the Biosafety Level 3 (BSL–3) Laboratory Safety Program; requiring the Program to identify specified BSL–3 laboratories in the State and their locations and collect other information regarding safety issues relevant to BSL–3 laboratories; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report annually to the General Assembly and specified local jurisdictions in a specified manner specified aggregate information regarding BSL–3 laboratories in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 17-701 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 676 **Senator Young, et al****RICHARD E. ISRAEL AND ROGER “PIP” MOYER DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT**

Authorizing a qualified patient to request aid in dying by making specified requests; prohibiting an individual from requesting aid in dying on behalf of a patient; requiring a written request for aid in dying to meet specified requirements; establishing specified requirements for witnesses to a written request for aid in dying; requiring a written request for aid in dying to be in a specified form; requiring an attending physician who receives a written request for aid in dying to make a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-103 - amended and HG, §§ 5-6A-01 through 5-6A-16 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 677 **Senator Ferguson****EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS AND PROVIDERS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – MASTER PLAN**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to develop a specified master plan that focuses on specified issues relating to qualified providers of early childhood education services; providing for the contents of a specified master plan; requiring the Department and the Commission to submit a specified plan and specified recommendations to the Governor and specified Committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 678 **Senators Raskin and Montgomery****DEBT COLLECTION – ATTACHMENT AND EXECUTION – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering the amount of wages of a judgment debtor that are exempt from attachment; altering the exemption from execution on a judgment for specified items necessary for the practice of any trade or profession; altering the exemption from execution on a judgment for specified items that are held primarily for personal, family, or household use; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 15-601.1 and CJ, § 11-504 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 679 **Senator Raskin, et al****ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION**

Establishing a method for the election of judges to the circuit court on a nonpartisan basis at a general election; providing that a candidate for election as judge of a circuit court may be nominated at a primary election; establishing a deadline for the filing of a certificate of candidacy for a candidate for election as a judge of the circuit court; deeming the office of judge of a circuit court vacant under specified circumstances and that the vacancy be filled in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, §§ 5-303, 5-703(a), 9-210(a) - amended and §§ 8-901 through 8-904 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 680 **Senators Raskin and Pinsky****BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON VOTING, OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND EQUALITY (VOTE) IN ELECTIONS**

Establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission on Voting, Openness, Transparency, and Equality (VOTE) in Elections; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to study specified matters and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 681 **Senators Feldman and Raskin****CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Clarifying the rights of a subscriber for shares of stock of a corporation; providing that an individual, whether or not then a director, may assent to an action by a consent that will be effective at a future time under specified circumstances; providing that a person, whether or not then a stockholder, may assent to an action by a consent that will be effective at a future date under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CA, §§ 2-408(d), 2-505(f), and 3-106.1(a) and (c) - amended and §§ 2-202(d) and 2-408(d) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 682 **Senators Feldman and Rosapepe****ELECTRIC VEHICLES – USE OF HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES – RECIPROCITY WITH VIRGINIA**

Requiring, under specified circumstances, that electric vehicles registered in Virginia that qualify for the use of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in Virginia be allowed to use HOV lanes in Maryland; requiring the State Highway Administration to adopt specified regulations; making the Act subject to a specified contingency related to enactment of a similar Act in Virginia providing for reciprocity for electric vehicles registered in Maryland; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 683 **Senator Ferguson****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – NEXT GENERATION SCHOOLS – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the State Board of Education to submit a request for proposals on or before August 1, 2016, for up to five operators who will provide students in the State with a Next Generation School to be operated under the supervision of the State Board; establishing a specified fund for a specified purpose; requiring the Department of Education to administer the fund; providing for the composition of the fund; specifying the uses of the fund; requiring the State Treasurer to invest the money of the fund in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 7-1701 through 7-1707 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 684 **Senator Ferguson, et al****MARYLAND REDEEMABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINER AND LITTER REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container and Litter Reduction Program; stating the purpose of the Program; establishing the Maryland Beverage Recycling Organization; establishing the structure and purpose of the Organization; specifying the membership of the Organization; establishing a Board of Directors for the Organization; specifying the composition of the Board; specifying the election, duration of term, and term limits of members of the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, §§ 9-1733 through 9-1743 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)83. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)81. and 82. - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 685 **Senator Benson, et al****FAMILY LAW – INFORMATION AND SERVICES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN AND FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN**

Requiring the juvenile court to determine whether a local department made a reasonable effort, for a child at least 18 years of age, to enroll the child in health insurance that will continue after the child is emancipated, screen and assist the child with eligibility for public assistance, and ensure the child has stable housing for at least 12 months and sufficient income after emancipation; requiring a local department to advise a child before emancipation of the right to reenter care and procedures for reentering care; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-816.1(b) and FL, § 5-525(b)(3), (j), and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 686 **Senator Benson, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MARYLAND UNIFORM COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CONVICTION ACT

Requiring the Attorney General to take specified steps to identify, collect, and publish in a specified manner laws that impose a specified collateral sanction on a person who is convicted of a specified offense; requiring a State's Attorney to provide specified information to a person charged with an offense; requiring a court to confirm that a specified notice has been received and is understood by a specified person; providing that a new collateral sanction may be imposed only by a specified procedure; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CP, §§ 10-301 through 10-317 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 687 **Senator Benson, et al**

STATE PERSONNEL – PARENTAL LEAVE

Providing that specified State employees may be entitled to parental leave with pay; establishing a maximum of 30 days of parental leave that employees may use for the care and nurturing of a child following the birth or adoption of the child; providing that an employee may use parental leave only after obtaining approval from the employee's appointing authority; prohibiting an employee from receiving specified payment unless the employee takes a specified action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SP, § 9-1108 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 688 **Senator Benson**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FAIR SCHEDULING ACT

Requiring an employer to provide employees with a specified work schedule within a specified time period, notify employees of specified changes, and provide employees with a new work schedule within 24 hours after making a change to the initial schedule; requiring an employer to conspicuously post at each work site specified work schedules; requiring an employer to pay specified predictability pay under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 2-106(b) and 3-102(a) - amended and §§ 3-103(k) and 3-1301 through 3-1311 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 689 **Senator Benson, et al****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – DEPUTY SHERIFFS**

Extending a specified tax rate reduction under the Prince George’s County transfer tax to the sale of specified property to a Prince George’s County deputy sheriff under specified circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

PLL of Prince George’s County, Art. 17, § 10-187(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 690 **Senator Benson****PUBLIC SAFETY – REMOVAL OF DEAD BODIES – POLICE PRESENCE**

Requiring, on request of a mortuary science practitioner and under specified circumstances, a police officer called to a residence where an individual has died to remain at the residence until the body has been removed from the residence by the mortuary science practitioner or medical examiner or for at least 90 minutes under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 3-510 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 691 **Senator Benson, et al****MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM – FUNDING REQUIREMENT**

Establishing the After-School and Summer Opportunity Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Governor’s Office for Children to administer the Fund as directed by a specified committee; and requiring the Governor to provide at least \$5,000,000 to the Fund in the annual State budget.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HU, §§ 8-1102 and 8-1104 - amended and § 8-1105 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 692 **Senator Benson, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE POLICE – STATEWIDE DATABASE ON POLICE BRUTALITY**

Requiring the Department of State Police to establish and maintain a statewide database capturing specified information on police conduct and liability; and requiring the Secretary of State Police to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 2-315 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 693 **Senator Benson, et al****ENVIRONMENT – AMBIENT AIR QUALITY CONTROL – CUMULATIVE AIR IMPACT ANALYSIS**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a specified air quality permit until specified requirements have been met; prohibiting the Department from recommending specified licensing conditions until specified requirements have been met; requiring the Department to conduct a Cumulative Air Impact Analysis under specified circumstances in accordance with specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, §§ 2-1301 through 2-1306 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 694 **Senator Manno****INCOME TAX CREDIT – OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING – TRANSFER OF CREDIT**

Authorizing an individual or a corporation to sell and transfer the verification required to claim a credit against the State income tax for each bushel of oyster shells recycled during the taxable year; requiring the Department of Natural Resources and the Comptroller to jointly adopt regulations to establish a process for the sale and transfer of the verification; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-724.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 695 Senator Raskin**GENERAL PROVISIONS – PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – ENFORCEMENT, FEES, AND EXEMPTIONS**

Altering specified provisions of law regarding the maintenance of public records relating to certain agricultural operations and programs; establishing the State Public Information Act Compliance Board; requiring the Governor to publish on the Governor's Office Web site specified notice relating to applications for membership on the Board and the names and qualifications of specified applicants; authorizing the Governor to broadcast specified interviews on the Governor's Office Web site; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

AG, §§ 8-801.1 and 8-1010 - amended, GP, Various Sections - amended and added, and § 4-361 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 696 Senator Hershey**NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER POACHING – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Altering the administrative penalties that apply to a person for knowingly committing specified offenses related to oyster poaching by authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to suspend the person's oyster license for a first offense; and clarifying that any of specified oyster poaching offenses qualifies as a second or subsequent offense for specified purposes under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 4-1210 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 697 Senator Hershey, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – WORKGROUP TO EVALUATE MENTAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ON THE EASTERN SHORE**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene a workgroup to evaluate and make findings and recommendations regarding the state of mental health care delivery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; requiring the workgroup to include specified individuals; requiring the Department to report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Finance

SB 698 **Senator Jennings****PROPERTY TAX – VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY – INTERNET DATABASE**

Repealing a requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation maintain a public database on the Department's Web site that relates to the valuation of specified real property in the State and includes specified information about each property; requiring the Department to maintain a public database on the Department's Web site of assessment worksheets and cards relating to the valuation of real property in the State; and providing that specified assessment worksheets and cards may not include income and expense statements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TP, § 14-201 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 699 **Senator Jennings****PRIMARY EDUCATION – STATE STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS – MORATORIUM**

Requiring the State Board of Education to place a moratorium on State standardized assessments in prekindergarten through grade 2 during specified school years; providing that a public school may not be required to administer a specified assessment during a specified time; making a specified exception for the administration of a pilot State standardized assessment in conjunction with a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 700 **Senators Jennings and Feldman****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – TICKET TRANSFERS**

Prohibiting a ticket seller or an operator of a ticket seller's Web site from prohibiting the transfer of a specified ticket, requiring an additional fee for the transfer of a specified ticket, or requiring a purchaser of a ticket to present specified identification or a specified credit card to gain entry to an entertainment event; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 14-4002.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 701 **Senator Jennings, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY –
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXPOSITION FOUNDATION

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Research & Exposition Foundation, Inc. for the specified development or improvement purposes related to property, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 702 **Senator Jennings, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HOMES NEAR A
REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a credit against the county property tax for owner-occupied residential real property within a specified proximity to a specified refuse disposal system; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-305(e) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 703 **Senator Middleton**HEALTH INSURANCE – MEDICAL STOP-LOSS INSURANCE – SMALL
EMPLOYERS

Altering, with a specified exception, the attachment points above which a medical stop-loss insurer assumes liability for losses incurred by an insured; applying the altered attachment points to renewal of a policy or contract of medical stop-loss insurance; prohibiting a medical stop-loss insurer, for a specified stop-loss insurance policy or contract, from taking specified actions; requiring a medical stop-loss insurer, for a specified stop-loss insurance policy or contract, to guarantee specified rates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

IN, § 15-129 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 704 Senator Conway**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUPERMARKETS – CLASS B AND CLASS BLX LICENSES**

Exempting the issuance of a specified Class B or Class BLX on-sale beer, wine and liquor license for a specified corporation from specified residency requirements; exempting the issuance of a Class B or Class BLX on-sale beer, wine and liquor license on behalf of a specified supermarket or supermarket chain store from a specified prohibition against the issuance of more than one license for the use of a corporation in Baltimore City or any county of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9-101(b) - amended and § 9-102(b-10) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 705 Senator Montgomery, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT – FIRST RESPONDERS**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a rescue squad member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or rescue services; and applying specified penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 706 Senator Brochin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY STATION EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company Station, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED *February 6, 2015***SJ 4 Senator Pugh****STATE GOVERNMENT – VIETNAMESE FREEDOM AND HERITAGE
FLAG**

Urging the Governor to recognize, by proclamation, the Freedom and Heritage flag as the official flag of the Vietnamese American community; urging the Governor to require that a specified flag, if flown on the grounds of State buildings and institutions of higher education, be replaced by the Freedom and Heritage flag; and providing that a copy of the resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to specified individuals.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs